

**Home Visiting Task Force
Executive Committee Meeting
July 9th, 2013
2:30pm-4:00pm**

MEETING NOTES

Participants: Claire Dunham, Donna Emmons, Gaylord Gieseke (co-chair), Theresa Hawley, Teresa Kelly, Lynn Liston, Beth Masciti-Miller, Andrea Palmer, Nancy Radner, Diana Rauner (co-chair) Vanessa Rich, Lauren Rouse, Penny Smith, Joanna Su, Anna Torsney-Weir (staffer), Liliana Velasquez, Jay Young, Cindy Zumwalt

Introductions and Meeting Minutes

- The Executive Committee welcomed three new members: Theresa Hawley from the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development, Beth Masciti-Miller from Chicago Public Schools, and Vanessa Rich from the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services.
- The April 9th, 2013 meeting notes were reviewed and approved with no changes.

MIECHV Updates

- The coordinated intake process is going smoothly, with most communities at nearly full or full enrollment, and that Rockford is doing particularly well with full caseloads and a waiting list. The team is using underspending from some of the communities to provide seed money to voluntary MIECHV communities to do coordinated intake. Teresa noted that in MIECHV, there is one target child for the intake and that the Coordinate Intake Chart does not have specific questions related to other young children in the family. In practice, workers work with the entire family and the data system can track all children.
- There is a meeting of funders on July 26th to determine and align goals and outcomes to create a statewide system. It is very important that funders have common language in their contracts for the benefit of the communities.
- In September, the team will have data to report on benchmarks and will allow funders to pull data.
- At the Region V HRSA Conference, Illinois' quality koala and centralized intake processes were highlighted. The Rockford model works very well which relies on having a hub for centralized intake, ensuring eligible participants have the appropriate services, and ensuring that there is "no wrong door" for participants.
- MIECHV communities are documenting their processes and have a template process to follow provided by GOECD, which will provide lessons for community systems development.

Professionalizing the Home Visiting Field

- There are currently several efforts underway to professionalize the home visiting field beyond what home visitors already do in order to become accredited under the evidence-based home visiting models: the Family Specialist Credential, and an Infant Mental Health Endorsement. The main goal of the Task Force is to support what best meets the needs of home visitors and the national model requirements, and to ensure that there is no replication of what the models already require.
- The Family Specialist Credential currently being developed by a Committee under INCCRRA/Gateways/PDAC will include home visitors as its target audience, despite the Task Force's statement adopted in 2012 that this would duplicate much of what home visitors already must do for model accreditation.

- There are currently efforts underway to explore an Infant Mental Health (IMH) endorsement for home visitors that would build upon what the models already require, and might fill a need in the field for enhanced understanding of infant mental health. The Illinois Association of Infant Mental Health has developed its own credential and a set of competencies for Master's level professionals, and also supports the development of an endorsement for the Infant Toddler Credential for high school and bachelor's degree levels.
- Next Steps:
 - Teresa Kelly and Hawley will look into why the Family Specialist Credential includes home visitors despite the statement issued by the Task Force in 2012 in opposition to home visitors being included, and will update the Executive Committee on their progress.
 - Teresa Kelly and Joni Scritchlow will co-chair a group that will look into cross-walking the competencies to determine how to develop two additional levels of the Infant Mental Health Endorsement.
 - The Executive Committee will discuss the IMH Endorsement at the next meeting.

Sustainability Workgroup: Update, FY14 Work Plan

- The Sustainability Workgroup, which has been meeting since September 2012, recently met and approved a revised work plan for FY14, which was approved by the Executive Committee.
- Regarding the workgroup's Medicaid work, Gaylord noted that the Children's Mental Health Partnership has been talking to HFS about Mental Health Rule 132 and they are very interested in interventions that prevent adverse birth outcomes. The workgroup agreed to align its work with Gaylord and continue to update the Executive Committee.

Monitoring Home Visiting Programs

- ISBE did not receive any successful bids for the RFSP for monitoring Prevention Initiative (PI) programs. ISBE still has funding set aside for monitoring of 0-3 programs under PI and they are planning to re-release the RFSP. Cindy Zumwalt noted that caregivers, infants, and toddlers are all in the SIS system but that ISBE does not currently have on-site visits, which is what they are working on getting in place as well as model fidelity.
- It would be useful to have a cross-walk of what data elements are currently collected across agencies, which will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- Teresa Kelly noted that the communities that are implementing components of MIECHV with technical assistance from the Governor's office are asking for common language from funders supporting coordinated intake so they can make the most efficient use of their funding. This is a potential agenda item for the funder meeting on July 26th.

Competitive Grant Funding Opportunity

- HRSA released a new MIECHV competitive grant opportunity at the end of May. While Illinois was ineligible to apply for this grant since it already received a competitive expansion grant, we submitted a request to HRSA to find out if we could apply for the full amount of the funding for which we were eligible originally. HRSA notified us that we cannot apply under the competitive grant; however, we learned that we have the opportunity to submit a request to HRSA for supplemental funding.
- The Executive Committee endorsed the idea to convene a panel of expert researchers to review proposals, which will be solicited from the entire Home Visiting Task Force. The panel will present its recommendations to the Executive Committee at the Committee's next meeting and the Committee will determine how to move forward.

Wrap Up and Next Steps: The next full Task Force meeting will be rescheduled.